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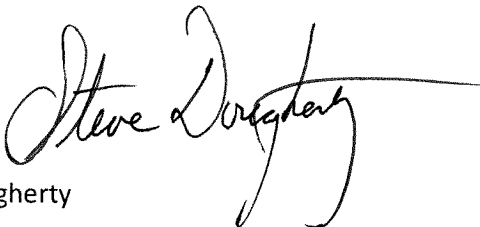
Dear Congressman Davis,

As the Mayor of Litchfield, IL I am writing this letter to support the approval of the proposed legislation that would create a national Route 66 centennial commission and preserve Route 66 for future generations.

Litchfield, IL is home to two alignments of Route 66. Along these alignments is the oldest continuously operating restaurant on Route 66: the Ariston Cafe, the oldest continuously operating drive-in movie theater on Route 66: the Litchfield Skyview Drive-In, and other notable Route 66 attractions such as Jubelt's Bakery and Restaurant and the Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center. These destinations attract numerous national and international visitors each year.

Route 66 plays an important factor in Litchfield's economy. Due to Route 66, Litchfield has multiple national name brand hotels, an abundance of restaurants, prominent tourist attractions, and an international Route 66 reputation. Route 66 is the most famous road in the world and has become synonymous with the freedom associated with traveling the open road in the United States of America. It is important to develop a National Route 66 Centennial Commission to celebrate this historic road, generate continued economic income in Route 66 communities, and preserve Route 66 for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Dougherty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Steve Dougherty
Mayor